

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 13, 1974

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In response to your letters of May 31 and June 3, 1974, the present members of the National Security Council are:

President Richard Nixon, Chairman  
Vice President Gerald Ford  
Secretary of State Henry Kissinger  
Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger.

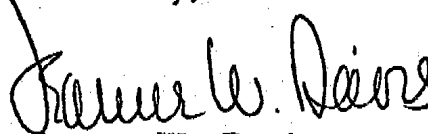
In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the statutory military adviser to the Council and the Director of Central Intelligence is the statutory intelligence adviser. They, or their representatives, attend all Council meetings.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness, as you know, was abolished by Reorganization Plan #1 of 1973 which went into effect April 6, 1973. Some of the functions of OEP were transferred to other government agencies, but the Director's role as a member of the National Security Council was abolished.

With regard to Title I, Section 101 (a(7)), the President has never sought statutory membership for officials of other executive and military departments by the procedure specified under this subsection. Various Presidents have, however, from time to time, invited other U. S. Government officials to attend NSC meetings, particularly when matters related to their responsibilities were to be discussed.

For reference purposes I am attaching a copy of a Council membership roster and an annotated list of laws affecting Council membership. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,



Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

Honorable Charles E. Bennett  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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STATUTORY MEMBERS:

As stated in the National Security Act of 1947:

"The Council shall be composed of the President; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Defense, appointed under section 202; the Secretary of the Army, referred to in section 205; the Secretary of the Navy; the Secretary of the Air Force, appointed under the section 207; the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, appointed under section 103; and such of the following named officers as the President may designate from time to time: The Secretaries of the executive departments, the Chairman of the Munitions Board appointed under section 213, and the Chairman of the Research and Development Board appointed under section 214; but no such additional members shall be designated until the advice and consent of the Senate has been given to his appointment to the office the holding of which authorizes his designation as a member of the Council."

The Statutory Members as first stated in the National Security Act of 1947:

- 1.) President--Chairman
- 2.) Secretary of State
- 3.) Secretary of Defense
- 4.) Secretary of the Army
- 5.) Secretary of the Navy
- 6.) Secretary of the Air Force
- 7.) Chairman of the National Resources Board

STATUTORY MEMBER:

CHAIRMAN: President

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Truman     | 1947-53 |
| Eisenhower | 1953-61 |
| Kennedy    | 1961-63 |
| Johnson    | 1963-69 |
| Nixon      | 1969-   |

MEMBERS: Vice-President

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Barkley  | 1949-53 |
| Nixon    | 1953-61 |
| Johnson  | 1961-63 |
| vacant   | 1963-65 |
| Humphrey | 1965-69 |
| Agnew    | 1969-73 |
| Ford     | 1973-   |

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Forrestal   | 1947-49 |
| Johnson     | 1949-50 |
| Marshall    | 1950-51 |
| Lovett      | 1951-53 |
| Wilson      | 1953-57 |
| McElroy     | 1957-59 |
| Gates       | 1959-61 |
| McNamara    | 1961-69 |
| Laird       | 1969-73 |
| Richardson  | 1973-73 |
| Schlesinger | 1973-   |

SECRETARY OF STATE:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Marshall  | 1947-49 |
| Acheson   | 1949-53 |
| Dulles    | 1953-59 |
| Herter    | 1959-61 |
| Rusk      | 1961-69 |
| Rogers    | 1969-74 |
| Kissinger | 1974-   |

STATUTORY MEMBERS:

SECRETARY OF ARMY:

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Royall | 1947-49 |
| Gray   | 1949-50 |

SECRETARY OF NAVY:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Forrestal | 1947-48 |
| Sullivan  | 1948-49 |
| Matthew   | 1949-50 |

SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Symington | 1947-50 |
|-----------|---------|

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD:

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| Hill      | 1947-48       |
| Steelman  | 1949 (acting) |
| Symington | 1950-51       |
| Gorrie    | 1951-53       |

DIRECTOR OF MUTUAL SECURITY:

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Harriman | 1952-3  |
| Stassen  | 1953-54 |

DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION:

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Stassen | 1954-56 |
|---------|---------|

STATUTORY MEMBERS:

DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION:

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Flemming | 1953-57 |
| Gray     | 1957-59 |
| Hoegh    | 1959-61 |
| Ellis    | 1961-62 |

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DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING/PREPAREDNESS:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| McDemott  | 1962-65 |
| Ellington | 1965-66 |
| Bryant    | 1966-68 |
| Daniel    | 1968-69 |
| Lincoln   | 1969-73 |

**LAWS THAT HAVE CHANGED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL:**

**PUBLIC LAW 216 81st CONGRESS**

**1949**

Amendment made to the National Security Act of 1947 which created the Department of Defense as an Executive Department and strengthened the position of the Secretary of Defense, giving him clear primacy over the Service Secretaries from the Council membership and added the Vice-President.

**MUTUAL SECURITY ACT**

**1951**

Amended the National Security Act of 1947 to make the Director of Mutual Security a statutory member of the National Security Council.

**REORGANIZATION PLAN # 3**

**1953**

Abolished the National Security Resources Board and transferred all the functions of the Chairman, NSRB (except for those that it completely abolished) to the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

**REORGANIZATION PLAN # 7**

**1953**

The Foreign Operations Administration succeeded the Mutual Security Agency and the membership on the National Security Council of the Director for Mutual Security was transferred to the new Director of Foreign Operations Administration.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 10610 and PUBLIC LAW 665 83rd CONGRESS**

**1955**

Foreign Operations Administration was abolished and its functions were transferred to the new International Cooperation Administration within the State Department, the membership of the Director, FOA, on the Council was abolished.

**REORGANIZATION PLAN # 1****1958**

The Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization was established, absorbing the functions of the Office of Defense Mobilization and the Federal Civil Defense Administration and assuming the Office of Defense Mobilization's Council and Planning Board membership.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 10952 and LAW 75 Stat. 630;5 U.S.C.133z 15note. 1961**

The functions of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization were transferred to the Department of Defense and the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization were redesignated Office of Emergency Planning by law. Along with its functions went the membership to the National Security Council.

**REORGANIZATION PLAN # 1****1973**

.. Abolished the Office of Emergency Preparedness (which name used to be the Office of Emergency Planning) and its membership on to the National Security Council.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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BUD MCFARLANE:

May I have your concurrence  
please on the attached letter to  
Congressman Bennett.

Thanks.

*Steve*

Steve Skancke  
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May 31, 1974

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Dear Mrs. Davis:

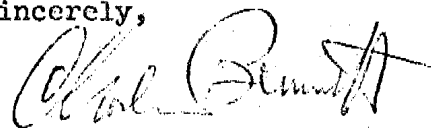
I would appreciate your providing me with a list of the current members of the National Security Council, and statutory advisors to the Council.

It is my understanding that the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, has authority under the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, to appoint Secretaries and Under Secretaries of other executive departments and military departments, to serve at his pleasure as members of the National Security Council (National Security Act 1947, as amended, title 1, section 101(a)(7)).

Please provide me with a list of the individuals appointed by the President under this authority. I would appreciate the name, title, department, date appointed, and term of appointment.

Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Bennett  
Chairman  
Subcommittee #3

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June 3, 1974

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Gentlemen:

I have before me a copy of the National Security Act of 1947 as published in October of 1973 by the Government Printing Office 22-1020; and in reading it I see that the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense are members of the National Security Council; but I am not sure who else at this time is a member of the National Security Council.

I note that in the Sub-section 6 in that printing; it would indicate that the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning is still listed as a member, and also under Section 7 various other people can be appointed by the President. My reference to this printing statute, leaves me in doubt as to who is presently a member of the National Security Council.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me the title and the name of each member of the National Security Council at the present time. I would also like you to address, specifically, the question of whether the powers to be on the National Security Council as Director of the Office of Emergency Planning have been transferred to some other office and person at the present time.

Sincerely,

*Charles E. Bennett*  
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